

Remarks/Arguments

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed September 11, 2006.

Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 39-42 were in this Application. Claims 5 and 9-38 were previously cancelled. Claim 42 is withdrawn without prejudice. Thus, Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 39-41 are currently pending in this Application.

The Examiner has required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect from among claims 1-4, 6-8 and 39-41 (Group I) and claim 42 (Group II). Applicant hereby elects without traverse claims 1-4, 6-8 and 39-41 of (Group I) for prosecution on the merits.

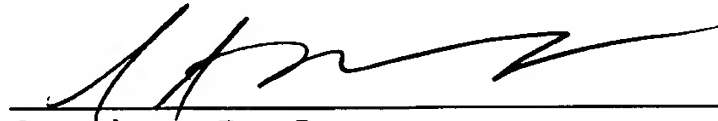
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

No fees are believed due, however, applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees or refunds that may be required by this paper to Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP Deposit Account No. 07-0153. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

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